



Fighting to Maintain the Balance Between Environmental and Army Mission Requirements



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Environmental Encroachment:

A Major Threat to Military Readiness



"The Army is committed to its responsibility as an environmental steward for the 16.5 million acres America entrusts to us. However, we are equally committed to another precious resource . . . her sons and daughters."

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Major Environmental Problems

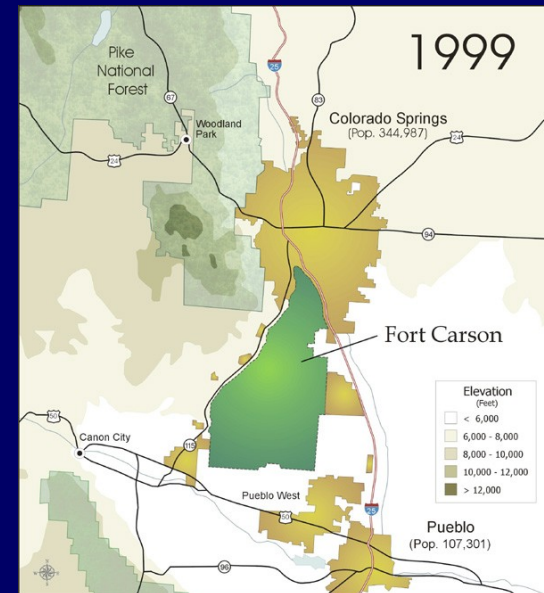
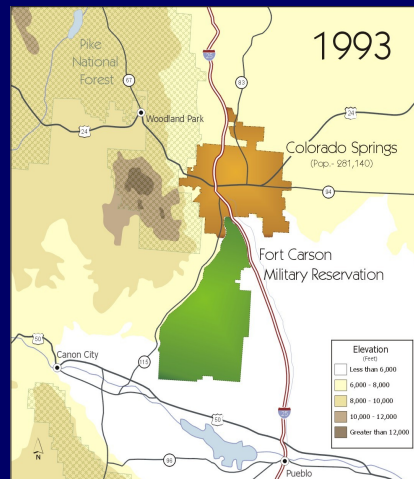
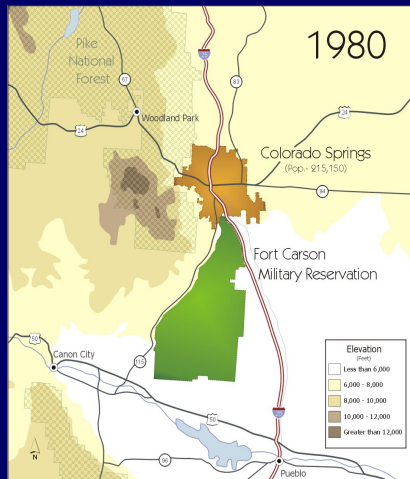
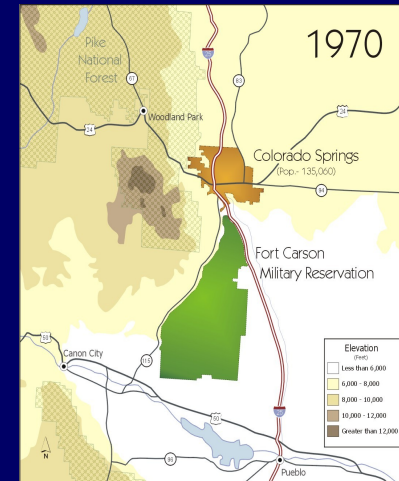
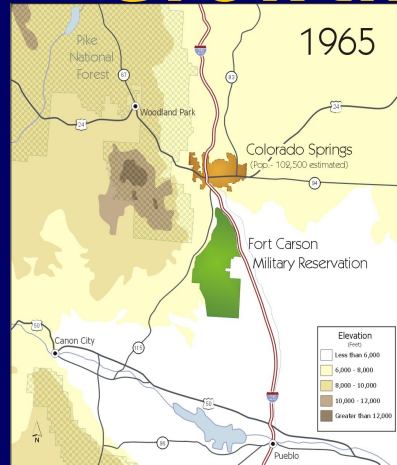
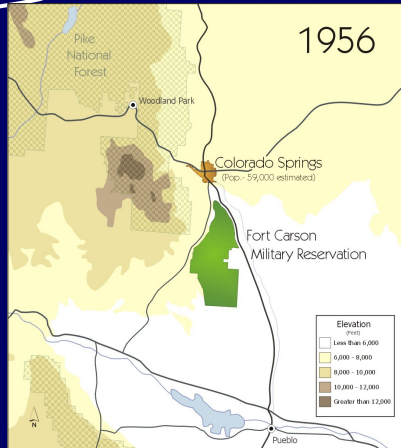
Facing the Army

- Endangered Species Conservation
- Ordnance and Explosives
- Water Shortages
- Cultural Resource Preservation
- Groundwater Contamination
- Air Pollution





Fort Carson, Colorado - Urban Growth



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Growing List of Installations Threatened

- **Fort Huachuca - Water Deficit/Endangered Species**
- **Hawaii - Endangered Species/Cultural Resources**
- **Fort Richardson - Ordnance and Explosives on Ranges**
- **Massachusetts Military Reservation - Groundwater Contamination**
- **Fort Bragg/Fort Stewart -- Endangered Species**





ELD's Mission

- Advise Army Leadership on Environmental Issues
- Provide Guidance to the Field on Environmental Law
- Defend the Army in Environmental Litigation





Reorganized and Ready

**ELB Chief
COL Teller**

**Resource Sustainment
And Restoration Branch**
Chief - LTC Little
Senior Counsel - Mr. Nixon

BRAC Support Team
Team Chief - Mr. Wilcox

Litigation Branch
Chief - LTC Green
Senior Counsel - Mr. Lewis

Total Personnel
11 Military Attorneys
6 Civilian Attorneys
 2 - DERA
 2 - BRAC
3 Support Personnel

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Focused on the Future

➤ **Encroachment Response Team**

➤ **Enhanced Support to the Field**

➤ **Legislative Activities**

➤ **Revitalized ELAW Bulletin**



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Current Issues in Environmental Law

- ◆ Current Manpower Initiatives
- ◆ Living with TIM and IMA
- ◆ The Army Environmental Legislative Committee
- ◆ Readiness and Range Preservation Initiative (RRPI)
- ◆ Looming Perchlorate Problem
- ◆ Fort Wainwright, “*Business Penalties*” Litigation – The Aftermath



Environmental Law: A Growing Part of the JAG Corps' Future

- **Commanders will increasingly depend upon environmental lawyers to navigate the environmental minefield.**
- **Army leaders must be trained to recognize environmental issues.**